GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2207
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CATTLE RACES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cattle races are banned under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960;

(b) if so, whether cattle races are taking place in Punjab, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu; and (

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Cattle races per se are not banned under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

(b) Cattle races do occasionally take place in Punjab and Maharashtra.

(c) The State Governments are expected to take action as and when the instances of cruelty involving unnecessary pain or suffering to the animals come to their notice.